

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

The Applicant has amended claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claim set are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

#### ***Claim Objections***

In paragraph 3, the Examiner has raised formality objections to claims 9, 13, 16 to 18 and 20. Claims 9, 13, 16 to 18 and 20 have been amended to overcome the formality objection. We have also amended claim 6 in order to clarify the amendments made with respect to claims 9, 13, 16 to 18 and 20. We respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

#### ***Claim Rejections 35 USC § 112***

In paragraph 5, the Examiner has rejected claim 6 to 20 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that there is no disclosure in the specification to support the feature of "*a linear image sensor for sensing data provided on optically encoded cards inserted into the camera system, the encoded cards containing instructions for the manipulation of the blurred images*". Furthermore, the Examiner has indicated in the section "*Response to Arguments*" that the previously supplied basis at page 43 which referred to US-6,431,669 could not be incorporated by reference.

We respectfully submit that although page 43 includes Australian provision applications incorporated by cross-reference in the first column of the table, the last column of the table includes corresponding granted US Patents which are also to be incorporated by cross-reference. It appears that the Examiner has only considered the first column of the tables on page 43 including the Australian Provisional Applications and not the last column which clearly includes the corresponding US granted patents which are also to be incorporated by cross-reference. As US 6,431,669 is a US patent, under section 608.01(p) of the MPEP, the material may be incorporated by cross-reference. As also stated at MPEP 608.01(p), the Director has considerable discretion in determining what may or may not be incorporated by reference in a patent application. Therefore, we respectfully submit that discretion should be applied in allowing the material from US 6,431,669 to be incorporated by reference. We respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Notwithstanding the above, in order to ensure that the subject matter of the linear area sensor is properly incorporated into the present application, the Applicant has amended the present specification and drawings to include the material incorporated by reference from US 6,431,669 and Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PO7991, to which US 6,431,669 claims foreign priority.

In particular, the subject matter of the description at page 3, lines 35-36, page 12, line 4-25 and page 19, line 28-page 20, line 19 of Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PO7991 (corresponding to the description at column 18 of US 6,431,669) has been included in the present specification, in accordance with MPEP §608.01(p)(I)(A)(2).

Further, the subject matter of Fig. 2 of Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PO7991 (corresponding to Fig. 2 of US 6,431,669) has been included in the present drawings, in accordance with MPEP §608.01(p)(I)(A)(2).

It is respectfully submitted that Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PO7991 was incorporated by reference into the present application at the filing date of the present application, and as such the conditions stated in MPEP §608.01(p)(I)(A)(2) are properly met.

Further, in accordance with MPEP §608.01(p)(I)(A)(2), a declaration executed by the Applicant stating that the amendatory subject matter consists of the same material incorporated by reference in the referencing application accompanies the present Amendment.

As a result of the above Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the present application properly contains disclosure to support the features as claimed in amended claims 6-20.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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**Amendment to the Drawings**

Figure 2 is now enclosed. The Applicants submit that this amendment introduces no new matter. A detailed explanation of this inclusion is provided in the remarks below.